

DUANE POURIER,	:	Order Docketing and Dismissing
Appellant	:	Appeal
	:	
v.	:	
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ABERDEEN AREA DIRECTOR,	:	Docket No. IBIA 97-55-A
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,	:	
Appellee	:	January 27, 1997

This is an appeal from an October 18, 1996, decision of the Aberdeen Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, concerning a lease of tribal land on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Appellant made the high bid for the lease, his bid was accepted by the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and the lease was awarded to him. On appeal to the Area Director, appellant contended that he had been coerced into bidding as high as he did. The Area Director rejected that contention. On appeal to the Board, appellant requested that the Board "further investigate the legality of this bidding process" and stated that he "would like to see that [his] lease be reduced to [his] original bid."

The materials submitted by appellant indicated that his lease was for a term beginning on February 1, 1996, and ending on December 1, 1996. Noting that this appeal would apparently be moot long before it could be decided, the Board, on November 25, 1996, ordered appellant to show why the appeal should not be dismissed as moot.

Appellant's response was due on December 27, 1996. No response has been received.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, this appeal is docketed but is dismissed as moot.

Anita Vogt
Administrative Judge

Kathryn A. Lynn
Chief Administrative Judge